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Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Suite 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Comments on Docket 92-235

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Dear Commissioners:

The St. Helens Rural Fire District has concerns about your proposed "Docket 92-235". We will be faced with a major funding problem if the proposed initiation dates are held to. In addition to the lack of technology, costs involved are prohibitive for any small jurisdiction to meet. Our whole emergency response system will come to a standstill should the required time frames not be extended.

The requirements of Docket 92-235 will require complete replacement of existing equipment throughout the majority of Columbia County, Oregon's emergency services. We are requesting the mandatory implementation dates be set back a minimum of ten (10) years. This will give us an acceptable phase-in period so we can realistically build reserves for the required equipment expenses.

Personal safety and operational efficiency are in jeopardy the way Docket 92-235 is presently put together. We are depending on your action to make the implementation of this change realistic for our District and all public safety organizations throughout Oregon.

If I can provide further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the address above.

Sincerely,

Lee A. Broadbent
Board of Directors
Chairman